

# Resources and Ideas from SCA Prevention Networking Session

## 10/5/22

Outlined below are the updates, activities, ideas and resources shared.

### Successes/Activities Planned

- Hospitality Health Initiative – Working to distribute naloxone to hotels/motels. Also providing training and TA on where to place naloxone. Will also provide Nalox Boxes.
- Outreaching to churches as they have expressed need for resources, information on treatment, etc. Planning a survey to assess their needs and what they are already doing. Will then provide resources.
- Judge has reached out to collaborate on prevention initiative due to number of students seeing in court for vaping violations. Will be holding an education event with panelists that will include info for parents on best practices for substance use prevention.
- Lebanon County Vaping Education Event on 10/20. Flyer link: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:58b0ceda-d12c-317c-b3b4-94c4d77a40b8>
- Holding a Red Ribbon walk with middle and high schoolers.
- Established new partnership with Mighty Writers to begin providing CATCH My Breath.
- Held FASD workshop with ELECT students. Had good number of attendees and plan to partner again.
- Provide lock boxes to foster care families. Require that all foster families have one.
- Working to hold events (e.g. Trunk of Treat) that would reach population that doesn't typically engage with SCA to increase awareness of what SCA does and offers.
- Planning "Mocktail Mondays" for next year to help develop the norm that don't need alcohol to have a good time.
- Will be starting Familias Unidas program.
- Implementing Youth Marijuana Prevention program in high schools. Students have been very receptive. Obtained program from Montgomery County. Learn more about Montgomery County Youth Marijuana Prevention Project here: <https://conversation.zone/ympj/>.
- AmeriHealth opened a community center, so have been able to partner to provide programming there. Held mock teen bedroom - had 8 attendees, but word has spread and interested in having it offered again.
- Held recovery walk to help raise awareness and reduce stigma.
- For Red Ribbon Week will be sending packets to all elementary school teachers with activities they can do during the week.
- Planning "dinner and a movie" events for two elementary schools in very rural area where some students don't have opportunity to access things like going to a movie.
- For Red Ribbon Week hold a door decorating contest for all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms. The school districts pick one door and then do a public voting via Facebook on those to select a winner. Also give workbooks out to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Youth in junior volunteer program prior year came up with a slogan of "Prevention Begins with Me." Secured a grant to have t-shirts printed with the slogan.

- Junior volunteer program – Student ages range 12-15. Do training/education for them on first Wednesday of each month and then help with activities and provide ways to give back (e.g. presentations at senior centers, volunteering at food distribution centers, activities for Great American Smokeout).
- Armstrong Indiana Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission was awarded the John W. Britt Community Service Award from the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association for their contribution to alcohol and tobacco enforcement. Accepted the award along with PSP Liquor Control Enforcement officers they have partnered with.

### Questions

- What brands of medication lock boxes have organizations purchased?
  - Safer Lock Boxes
  - Pill Pods - <https://pill-pod.com/>
  - Medline Medication Lock Box
- Facing challenge with filling vacant prevention specialist position. Have position posted on online sites like Indeed and with local colleges/universities (also trying to get into college job fairs). Any other suggestions for hiring/recruitment tactics/techniques?
  - Engage at events at colleges or in communities engaged with prevention
  - Consider interns
  - Share job opening with partner organizations like YMCAs who have staff that may be interested in prevention work

### CPA Updates

- PA Prevention Week 2023 – May 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>
- 2023 CPA Conference June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> (both in-person in State College and virtual sessions)
  - Tell CPA about your program/initiative for a possible 2023 conference session: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDT23P2>
  - Tell CPA about a speaker you've heard and feel would be a fit at the 2023 conference: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cpaconferencespeakers>
- PA Alliance Against Marijuana Commercialization (PA3MC) – Meet monthly. PA3MC will be working to recruit new state partners.
- The Foundation for Drug Policy Solutions: [www.gooddrugpolicy.org](http://www.gooddrugpolicy.org); National group that has started and has focus on prevention and recovery.
- The PA Collaborative
  - A project with PLCB to open up dialogue around alcohol issues on college campuses and in communities.
  - Began with needs assessment (collected data about alcohol-related issues on campuses).
  - Next step is building a network with representatives from SCAs, prevention coalitions and campus AOD coalitions. Those who participate will be given a stipend for their time. Will meet once a month virtually to share resources, support training and increase partnerships between institutes of higher ed and local prevention organizations.
  - Ultimately build PA Collaborative, a statewide organization with representatives from colleges/universities throughout PA.
- The CPA Collegiate Action Network (CPA CAN)
  - Collegiate leadership program that will be open to college students in PA.

- Students will participate up to 5 hours per month from Jan-May 2023 (will receive \$500 honorarium). Students will help create messages to be used on campuses.
- Details and application: <https://commonwealthpreventionalliance.org/collegiate-action-network-cpa-can/>
- CPA Board of Director application and details: <https://commonwealthpreventionalliance.org/apply-now-cpa-board-of-directors/>
  - Are you thinking about applying but have questions or just want to hear more about CPA and the director positions? If so, please join the CPA Executive Team on 10/13 at 1:00 for a discussion about this opportunity: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7XL8M8V>
- To schedule a call with Jeff Hanley, please go here: <https://calendly.com/paprevention-jeffhanley>

### **DDAP Updates**

- SOR Grant
  - SOR III (Year 5/6) Proposals - If there were any questions/concerns/edits for an SCA's proposal, SCA would have received an email. Please respond with edits/clarifications requested.
  - SOR II Data Entry in WITS - All SOR II funded services for 7/1/22 – 9/29/22 should be entered into WITS by October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - If any programs in SOR II WITS plan will be continuing past 9/29/22 under no cost extension, SCAs should update plan in WITS to change plan and program end dates.
- CPGT Funding
  - SCAs interested in receiving funding for problem gambling prevention for SFY 23/24 will need to complete a proposal. Look for email with details that will go out the end of November. Contact Kelly Frizen ([kfrizen@pa.gov](mailto:kfrizen@pa.gov)) with any questions.